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BOARD MOTION OF OCTOBER 26, 2010 - 6 MONTH REPORT ORDINANCE NO. 2010-0047 – PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT PERMIT STAFFING ANALYSIS

On October 26, 2010, your Board instructed the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) and the Auditor-Controller to report back to the Board in six months, after the implementation of the new and increased Filming Industry permit fees and the Field Inspection Program (FIP), with an analysis of staffing adjustments that might be possible as a result of changes that were made, including permit fee collections from contract cities.

On November 15, 2010, the District implemented the collection of existing film industry permit fees in all incorporated contract cities served by the District, resulting in a total of \$124,139 through March 2011. In addition, the FIP was implemented. On November 30, 2010, your Board approved the 2011 County of Los Angeles Fire Code (Title 32) allowing for the proposed new permit fees to take effect January 1, 2011.

As directed, the District consulted with representatives from the Department of the Auditor-Controller to review the implementation of the new and increased Filming Industry permit fees. The Auditor-Controller assisted in the computation of the cost recovery calculations, reviewed our analyses, and is in general agreement with those analyses. The Public Safety and Film Unit (PSFU) permit fee/staffing analysis is presented as follows:

Film Permits Issued					
FY 2010-11	Film	Special Effects	Still Photography	Fuel Truck	Total
Nov 2010	239	36	98	3	376
Dec 2010	233	18	60	5	316
Jan 2011	239	38	103	6	386
Feb 2011	288	43	85	5	421
Mar 2011	319	51	90	8	468
Totals	1318	186	436	27	1967

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Using the November 2010 through March 2011 data and adjusting for seasonal trends, we are projecting our annual fee collection will be approximately \$1,242,000. This amount represents a shortfall of 5% (\$60,000) of the projected \$1,302,000 required to cost-offset those services provided by the District's PSFU. Further, after taking into consideration those fees which may potentially be waived (students, non-profits), our collections could be reduced by an additional \$414,000.

Also, an analysis of the three levels of fire/life-safety oversight was conducted using the third quarter data for FY 2009-10 and 2010-11. This data reflects a 23% increase in the Fire Safety Officer (FSO) assignments; however, these assignments tend to fluctuate based on the filming industry's production schedule. The Fire Safety Advisor (FSA) assignments were reduced by 20% through reduced filming activity and the reassignment of jobs to the FIP. This reduction has provided a cost savings to the Film Industry and we are projecting that our FSA assignments will be ultimately reduced by approximately 16% this fiscal year.

3rd Quarter Oversight Determinations	2010	2011	% Change
Fire Safety Officer (FSO)	88	108	23
Fire Safety Advisor (FSA)	753	602	(20)
Level III/Non-job	858	N/A	
Field Inspection Program	N/A	1,390	
Total	1,699	2,100	

With the implementation of the FIP, inspections increased an average of 100 per inspector per month. This increased workload for the PSFU can be accommodated with the current staffing at this time. The District will continue to monitor the workload and staffing situation and whether the cost under-recovery trend continues during the remainder of the year. We will notify your Board if any staffing adjustments or permit fees adjustments are necessary when additional cost and workload data is available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180, or your staff may contact Acting Deputy Chief Roy L. Dull, Prevention Services Bureau, at (323) 881-2461.

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